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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS COMMENTARY - AUGUST 25

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1. MIDDLE EAST. THERE IS NO COVERAGE OF THE  
SECRETARY'S MISSION OR OF OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES.

2. PORTUGAL. PRAVDA GIVES OPTIMISTIC GLOSS TO  
COSTA GOMES' "COMMUNIQUE" BROADCAST OVER NATIONAL  
RADIO AUGUST 24 BY REPORTING PORTUGUESE NEWS AGENCY  
INTERPRETATION OF IT AS THROWING SUPPORT BEHIND  
GONCALVES AND BY EMPHASIS ON PCP STATEMENT THAT THE  
COMMUNIQUE IS A "FAVORABLE DEVELOPMENT." THE COMMUNIQUE,  
ACCORDING TO PRAVDA, STATES THAT PORTUGAL'S  
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PROBLEMS STEM PRIMARILY FROM DIFFICULTIES WITHIN THE

ARMED FORCES THEMSELVES, AND CALLS FOR REORGANIZATION OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL AND "RESPECT" FOR THE AFM ASSEMBLY. THE PCP STATEMENT ISSUED IN RESPONSE TO THE COMMUNIQUE, REPORTS PRAVDA, CLAIMS THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMUNIQUE'S SUGGESTIONS -- ESPECIALLY THOSE CALLING FOR STRENGTHENING OF THE AFM AS A REVOLUTIONARY AVANT-GARDE -- WILL PUT A STOP TO COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES. THE PRAVDA REPORT ALSO CLAIMS THAT GROWING NUMBER OF SOCIALISTS ARE DISILLUSIONED WITH THE PSP LEADERSHIP LINE AND ARE DEFECTING FROM THE PARTY'S RANKS.

3. BANGLADESH. PRAVDA REPORTS WITHOUT COMMENT THE ARRESTS OF FORMER PM MANSOUR ALI AND 25 OTHER OFFICIALS OF MUJIB'S GOVERNMENT.

4. KOREA. RED STAR ON AUGUST 24 IN A SIGNED COMMENTARY ON SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S TRIP TO THE FAR EAST CONTENDS THAT MAIN SUBJECT SCHLESINGER WILL DISCUSS WILL BE MILITARY SITUATION IN SOUTH KOREA. "IMPERIALIST CIRCLES", IT CONTINUES, REFUSE TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE "WINDS OF CHANGE" IN ASIA, AND ARE TRYING TO COMPENSATE FOR LOSSES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA BY STRENGTHENING THEIR POSITION IN KOREA. IT REPORTS THAT BRUNT OF SCHLESINGER'S EFFORTS WILL BE AIMED AT DRAWING JAPAN INTO A "DANGEROUS ALLIANCE" WITH THE U.S. IN SUPPORT OF THE "ANTI-PEOPLE'S REGIME" IN SOUTH KOREA.  
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